(c) whether the Railways have deployed any special force, to prevent such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details of the deployment and incidents reported thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) On 14.8.2002 in local train No. 909 Ex. Churchgate to Borivali, an incident of rape of a mentally retarded girl, aged about 18 years, took place in second class general compartment between Malad and Kandivali Railway Stations. The culprit was apprehended by GRP/Borivali and a case was registered *vide* CR No. 153/2002 u/s 376, 506 (II) of IPC dated 14.8.2002.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Prevention and detection of crime on the Railways, including running trains, is the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments. The cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police (GRP). However, the RPF assist the GRP in controlling crime over Railways and following steps have been taken by the Railways:

(i) Steps have been taken to sensitize the RPF personnel to the problems of women passengers by organizing workshops and seminars.

(ii) Ladies' compartments are escorted in some suburban areas by lady constable of GRP and RPF.

(iii) Special squads consisting of ladies ticket checking staff and lady RPF personnel have been formed in Central, South Central and Western Railways to assist the women passengers.

(d) No specific case has come to notice.

Declining traffic in trains

3244. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are witnessing a continuous

decline in traffic for the Second and First AC classes in Rajdhanis, mainly due to competing discounted fare schemes announced by some airlines, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the monthly traffic for the Second and First AC classes in Rajdhanis during the last six months, in different Railway Zones; and

(c) the studied reasons for decline in revenues, especially since August, 2002, and the steps taken to meet the challenging competition of the Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) There has been a drop in the number of passengers booked in 1AC and 2AC of Rajdhani Express trains during the months of August and September, 2002 as compared to corresponding period of previous year. The decline is because of a general reduction in passenger traffic. The discounted fare structure announced by some airlines did not have any effect on it.

(b) Zonal Railway-wise details of monthly traffic in 1AC and 2AC classes of Rajdhani Express trains during the last 6 months as compared to corresponding period of previous year is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) Overall, there has been an increase in the total revenues from Rajdhani Express trains since August, 2002 as compared to the corresponding period of previous year. There has been an increase of 8% in the number of passengers booked in 3AC in August and September, 2002 as compared to the corresponding period of pervious year. However, the performance of Rajdhani Express trains is closely monitored on a regular basis. Waiting list analysis and sector wise analysis is done regularly to assess the demand. Changes in composition, provision of additional on-board facility, wide publicity through media etc., is also done to improve the patronization.

Statement

Zonal Railway-wise details of monthly traffic in 1AC and 2AC classes of Rajdhani Express trains

(a) **Month-wise Passenger profile of Rajdhani trains on Indian Railways**

Months	Passengers Booked on 1AC			Passengers Booked on 2AC		
	2001	2002	%Var.	2001	2002	%Var.
	2	3	4	5	6	7
April	5494	5689	3.5	55837	55961	0.2
May	6592	7189	9.1	63939	68727	7.5
June	6231	6166	-1.0	57732	61622	6.7
July	5341	5058	-5.3	48035	44887	-6.6
August	5619	4979	-11.4	45285	45047	-0.5
September	4629	4041	-12.7	42565	41856	-1.7
TOTAL	33906	33122	-2.3	313393	318100	1.5

Total earnings from all classes (Figures in Rs. lakhs)

Months	Passengers Booked on 3AC			Passengers Booked on 2AC		
	2001	2002	%Var.	2001	2002	%Var.
April	162777	167794	3.1	4084.4	4313.6	5.6
May	175960	193872	10.2	4518.5	5056.1	11.9
June	166650	177712	6.6	4182.7	4430.7	5.9
July	142482	149165	4.7	3478.6	3518.6	1.1
August	137763	148766	8.0	3350.2	3621.1	8.1
September	129698	140146	8.1	3151.3	3371.8	7.0
TOTAL	915330	977455	6.8	22765.7	24311.9	6.8

Note: Passengers booked in numbers. Total Earnings includes Earnings from Chair Car on certain Rajdhani trains also. 1AC: First Class Air Conditioned
2AC: Two Tier Air Conditioned 3AC: Three Tier Air Conditioned

(b) **Zonal Railway-wise and month-wise passenger profile of Rajdhani trains**

April

Railway	Pass. Booked on 1AC			Pass. Booked on 2AC			Total Earnings (Rs. lakhs)		
	2001	2002	%var.	2001	2002	%var.	2001	2002	%var.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Eastern Rly.	927	1026	10.7	8160	8366	2.5	403	440	9.2
Northern Rly.	2688	2743	2.0	25265	26792	6.0	1988.19	2197	10.5
N.F. Rly.	276	314	13.8	1987	2014	1.4	127.13	117	-8.0
Southern Rly.	313	275	-12.1	4664	3542	-24.1	302.07	268.95	-11.0
S.C. Rly.	2	43	2050.0	451	640	41.9	26.66	45.79	71.8
S.E. Rly.	196	279	42.3	1199	1783	48.7	81.46	108.89	33.7
Western Rly.	1092	1008	-7.6	14111	12824	-9.1	155.9	1136	-1.7
TOTAL	5494	5689	3.5	55837	55961	0.2	4084.41	4313.63	5.6

May

Eastern Rly.	1101	1192	8.3	9491	9674	1.9	442.58	508	14.8
Northern Rly.	3418	3678	7.6	30009	34320	14.4	2246.38	2632	17.2
N.F. Rly.	319	432	35.4	2304	2275	-1.3	144.5	255.69	76.9
Southern Rly.	352	314	-10.8	5200	4322	-16.9	343.17	326.29	-4.9
S.C. Rly.	1	34	3300.0	109	418	283.5	11.02	51.63	368.5
S.E. Rly.	164	358	118.3	1251	2431	94.3	84.41	142.52	68.8
Western Rly.	1237	1181	-4.5	15575	15287	-1.8	1246.5	1140	-8.5
TOTAL	6592	7189	9.1	63939	68727	7.5	4518.54	5056.13	11.9

June

Eastern Rly.	1093	1162	6.3	9526	10121	6.2	429.98	523	21.6
Northern Rly.	3224	3069	-4.8	28052	30166	7.5	2162.00	2355	8.9
N.F. Rly.	356	357	0.3	2230	2127	-4.6	149.45	187.46	25.4
Southern Rly.	357	373	4.5	4793	4470	-6.7	323.26	346.76	7.3
S.C. Rly.	1	12	1100.0	110	294	167.3	10.35	26.82	159.1
S.E. Rly.	152	274	80.3	1108	2208	99.3	75.14	136.65	81.9
Western Rly.	1048	919	-12.3	11913	12236	2.7	1032.5	855	-17.2
TOTAL	6231	6166	-1.0	57732	61622	6.7	4182.71	4430.69	5.9

July

Railways	Pass. Booked on FAC			Pass. Booked on 2AC			Total Earnings (Rs. lakhs)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Eastern Rly.	1077	1062	-1.4	8367	7886	-5.7	421.52	423	0.4
Northern Rly.	2507	2595	3.5	21979	22060	0.4	1737.00	1944	11.9
N.F. Rly.	283	273	-3.5	2164	2078	-4.0	138.93	193.14	39.0
Southern Rly.	283	225	-20.5	4223	3831	-9.3	265.78	272.32	2.5
S.C. Rly.	4	11	175.0	88	231	162.5	6.86	19.31	181.5
S.E. Rly.	216	150	-30.6	1108	1042	-6.0	75.78	71.81	-5.2
Western Rly.	971	742	-23.6	10106	7759	-23.2	832.72	595	-28.5
TOTAL	5341	5058	-5.3	48035	44887	-6.6	3478.59	3518.58	1.1

August

Eastern Rly.	977	1005	2.9	7286	6978	-4.2	366.31	368	0.5
Northern Rly.	2878	2540	-11.7	21678	22414	3.4	1742.00	1939	11.3
N.F. Rly.	204	204	0.0	1963	2000	1.9	126.91	163.4	28.8
Southern Rly.	180	220	22.2	3785	3280	-13.3	253.28	233.86	-7.7
S.C. Rly.	3	13	333.3	43	146	239.5	3.74	10.92	192.0
S.E. Rly.	310	113	-63.5	1112	868	-21.9	68.36	56.92	-16.7
Western Rly.	1067	884	-17.2	9418	9361	-0.6	789.58	849	7.5
TOTAL	5619	4979	-11.4	45285	45047	-0.5	3350.18	3621.1	8.1

September

Eastern Rly.	881	711	-19.3	6292	5915	-6.0	335.6	327	2.6
Northern Rly.	2242	2051	-8.5	20819	20779	-0.2	1627.00	1801	10.7
N.F. Rly.	192	212	10.4	1800	1960	8.9	108.51	132.02	21.7
Southern Rly.	193	174	-9.8	3634	3605	-0.8	259.31	248.72	-4.1
S.C. Rly.	8	8	0.0	32	168	425.0	4.28	9.74	127.6
S.E. Rly.	153	102	-33.3	960	952	-0.8	71.05	58.32	-17.9
Western Rly.	960	783	-18.4	9028	8477	-6.1	745.5	795	6.6
TOTAL	4629	4041	-12.7	42565	41856	-1.7	3151.25	3371.8	7.0

Note: Passengers in Numbers and Total Earnings includes earnings from all classes

Abbreviations: N.F. Railway: North East Frontier Railway

S.C. Railway: South Central Railway.

S.E. Railway: South Eastern Railway.